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[Reports to the Supervising Surgeon-General, United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

Smallpox in Kansas.

TOPEKA, KANS., *December 24, 1898.*

SIR: Smallpox has appeared at the following places: Hillsboro, Marion County, Kans., 9 cases reported as imported from Russia; Newton, Harvey County, 2 cases, 1 of whom died on the thirteenth day; Seneca, Nemaha County, 1 case, a man, a member of the Seventh California Volunteers, returned about two weeks ago.

Respectfully,

H. Z. GILL, *Secretary.*

Smallpox in Louisville, Ky.

LOUISVILLE, KY., *December 21, 1898.*

SIR: I have the honor to state that a case of smallpox, in the person of a colored river man, was admitted to the isolation ward at this hospital on the 20th instaut, and that the city health authorities will take charge and remove the case to the pesthouse on the 22d.

The source of infection is not known, but is supposed to have come from contact with persons on the levee. There is another case in the city believed to have sprung from this source.

Very respectfully, yours,

W. P. McINTOSH,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Case of smallpox at Wilmington, N. C.

WILMINGTON, N. C., *December 24, 1898.*

SIR: I have the honor to confirm the telegram sent you this afternoon, stating that a case of smallpox was discovered in this hospital this morning in the person of a colored workman, employed by the contractor who is making the repairs to the building. The facts are these: About 11 o'clock this morning I saw a new workman at work, and went up to speak to him, and discovered that he was suffering from a mild type of smallpox, the eruption being in the twelfth or thirteenth day. I elicited the following history: Name, William Barnett; age, 24; born in Wilmington, N. C.; occupation, carpenter; has always lived in Wilmington, and has not been out of the city since the latter part of September last. Does not know where he contracted the disease, and can not recall having been with anyone suffering from an eruption. Has not been confined to his bed at any time with the disease, but has been steadily at work. Worked at this hospital twelve days ago, when the eruption was just beginning to appear, and since that time has been at work in the city. No other case is known to be in the city, or at any time since last January, when there were 2 cases here. Just what the infection has been from this case, it is not possible to say, but he has been going about unrestrained until discovered this morning. I turned the case over to the local health authorities, who have isolated him some distance from the city, and will doubtless take all the necessary precautions. I have disinfected the rooms in which the man worked, and will vaccinate all persons on the station, on the arrival of the vaccine requested in my telegram of this afternoon. The man had been at work only a few minutes when I discovered him, so his opportunity for infecting was limited.

C. P. WERTENBAKER,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., Commanding Station.